

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A curable silicone composition comprising:

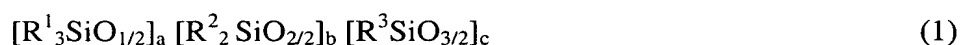
(A) an organopolysiloxane that has a branched molecular structure and contains in one molecule at least two univalent hydrocarbon groups with phenolic hydroxyl groups therein;

(B) a linear-chain organopolysiloxane having at least two univalent hydrocarbon groups with epoxy groups that are free of aromatic rings; and

(C) a curing accelerator.

2. (Original) The curable silicone composition of Claim 1, further comprising a filler (D).

3. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said component (A) is represented by the following silicone unit formula (1):



(where R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are C_{1-20} organic groups, at least two of which are univalent hydrocarbon groups with phenolic hydroxyl groups; « $a + b + c = 1$ »; « a », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0 \leq a \leq 0.8$ », « b », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0 \leq b \leq 0.8$ », and, « c », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0.2 \leq c \leq 1.0$ »).

4. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said component (A) is represented by the following silicone unit formula (2):



(where R^4 , R^5 are C_{1-20} organic groups, at least two of which are univalent hydrocarbon groups with phenolic hydroxyl groups; « $d + e + f = 1$ »; « d/f », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0.02 \leq d/f \leq 4$ », « d », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0 < d \leq 0.8$ », « e », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0 \leq e \leq 0.98$ ». and « f », on average, satisfies the following condition: « $0.002 \leq f \leq 0.98$ »).

5. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said component (A) is a liquid.

6. (Original) The curable silicone composition of Claim 3, wherein in said formula (1) that represents component (A), « a » satisfies the following condition: « $0 < a \leq 0.8$ » and « b » is equal to 0.

7. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said component (B) is an organopolysiloxane represented by the following structural formula (3):



(wherein R⁷ and R⁸ are the same or different C₁₋₂₀ organic groups, at least two of which are univalent hydrocarbon groups with epoxy groups that are free of aromatic rings, and «m» is an integer between 0 and 1000).

8. (Currently Amended) The [[]]curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein component (B) is used in an amount of 1 to 1000 parts by weight, and component (C) is used in an amount of 0.01 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of component (A).

9. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said univalent hydrocarbon group with epoxy group of said component (B) is an alkyl group bonded to a glycidoxy group or an alkyl group bonded to 3,4-epoxycyclohexyl group.

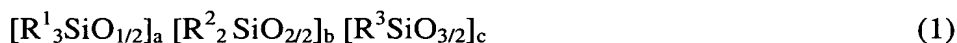
10. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to ~~Claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, which is a liquid or a paste.

11. (Currently Amended) A cured product obtained by curing a curable silicone composition as claimed in any of ~~Claims from 1 to 10~~ Claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) The use of the cured [[body]] product of Claim 11.

Please add the following new claims.

13. (New) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, wherein said component (A) is represented by the following silicone unit formula (1):



(where R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are C_{1-20} organic groups, at least two of which are univalent hydrocarbon groups with phenolic hydroxyl groups; $\langle a + b + c = 1 \rangle$; $\langle a \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0 \leq a \leq 0.8 \rangle$, $\langle b \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0 \leq b \leq 0.8 \rangle$, and, $\langle c \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0.2 \leq c \leq 1.0 \rangle$).

14. (New) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, wherein said component (A) is represented by the following silicone unit formula (2):



(where R^4 , R^5 are C_{1-20} organic groups, at least two of which are univalent hydrocarbon groups with phenolic hydroxyl groups; $\langle d + e + f = 1 \rangle$; $\langle d/f \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0.02 \leq d/f \leq 4 \rangle$, $\langle d \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0 < d \leq 0.8 \rangle$, $\langle e \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0 \leq e \leq 0.98 \rangle$. and $\langle f \rangle$, on average, satisfies the following condition: $\langle 0.002 \leq f \leq 0.98 \rangle$).

15. (New) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, wherein said component (A) is a liquid.

16. (Original) The curable silicone composition of Claim 13, wherein in said formula (1) that represents component (A), «a» satisfies the following condition: « $0 < a \leq 0.8$ » and «b» is equal to 0.

17. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, wherein said component (B) is an organopolysiloxane represented by the following structural formula (3):



(wherein R^7 and R^8 are the same or different C_{1-20} organic groups, at least two of which are univalent hydrocarbon groups with epoxy groups that are free of aromatic rings, and «m» is an integer between 0 and 1000).

18. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, wherein component (B) is used in an amount of 1 to 1000 parts by weight, and component (C) is used in an amount of 0.01 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of component (A).

19. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, wherein said univalent hydrocarbon group with epoxy group of said component (B) is an alkyl group bonded to a glycidoxy group or an alkyl group bonded to 3,4-epoxycyclohexyl group.

20. (Currently Amended) The curable silicone composition according to Claim 2, which is a liquid or a paste.